

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
March 27, 2012
7:30 PM

Mayor Fosdick announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq." notice of which was sent to the Record and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2011 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioner Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair. Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq., Deborah Fehre, and Tara O'Grady

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Fosdick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 13, 2012

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

SPECIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Anlian reported on the progress of the sidewalk repair project on Main Street. The project should be completed in approximately two weeks.

Mayor Fosdick announced the Baseball Association Parade at the Little League Field on Saturday, April, 7, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 1 – New Member

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, John T. Johnson was accepted as a new member.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

Ridgefield Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Company No. 4 - Resignation

On a motion by Mayor Fosdick, seconded by Commissioner Boyd the resignation of James Garvey was accepted with regret.

On roll call Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA"

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Joan Carlson, resident, who fell on the sidewalk, asked who was responsible for notifying and addressing the tree roots affecting the sidewalk. Commissioner Anlian explained that the Sidewalk Safety Committee's first phase of addressing the problem was not as effective as the sidewalk repair that is being done now.

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She then complimented Officer Gregory Powell, who took her report, and the women who work in the records department, who were warm, friendly and nice.

Walter Richter, resident, asked why the DPW could not perform the sidewalk repair. Commissioner Anlian responded that the DPW, which is a great department, are always willing to do all, but they cannot. They have too many other things to do.

Ms. Maksymowicz, resident, inquired about the Lincoln paper property's recent activity. Mayor Fosdick responded that they are in the initial phase of stabilizing their property per NJDEP requirements. They are bringing rock from Manhattan, crushing it for their own use and to sell. The Village is receiving \$5,000.00 fee per month.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Fosdick announced that all business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

Mayor Fosdick read the resolutions by title.

Resolutions:

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| 2012-34 | Authorize Expenditure of Fire Prevention Dedicated Funds |
| 2012-35 | Authorize Appropriation Reserve Transfers |
| 2012-36 | Authorize Payment of Tax Appeal Settlement 65-75 Challenger Road |
| 2012-37 | Authorize Payment of Tax Appeal Settlement 85 Challenger Road |
| 2012-38 | Authorize Redemption of Tax Lien and Return of Premium |
| 2012-39 | Opposition to Senate Bill 1451 Re: Open Public Meetings Act |
| 2012-40 | Opposition to Senate Bill 1452 Re: Open Public Records Act |

Motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Poli, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

COMMISSIONER MACNEILL CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2012-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 197, TO REVISE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN MUNICIPAL LOTS

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner MacNeill moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Boyd. So ordered. Commissioner MacNeill read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then

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announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill explained the ordinance change noting that some municipal lots required payment to meters until 10:00 p.m. while the street meters did not require payment after 8:00 p.m. Now all payments will be until 8:00 p.m.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner MacNeill moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Boyd and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

COMMISSIONER BOYD CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE 2012-04

CAP BANK ORDINANCE

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Boyd moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd explained that this is an annual adoption required by budget procedures.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner MacNeill and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

COMMISSIONER BOYD CALLED UP FOR SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

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ORDINANCE 2012-05

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$155,000
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
IN, BY AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK, IN THE
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND TO TRANSFER AN
UNEXPENDED BOND ORDINANCE BALANCE AND
REAPPROPRIATE SAME TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

The clerk presented affidavit of publication, showing that advertisement had been made according to law, which was ordered filed. Commissioner Boyd moved a public hearing be held on the ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Poli. So ordered. Commissioner Boyd read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Mayor then announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd explained that this ordinance is taking money from an older existing ordinance. No new revenue is being raised.

Mayor Fosdick explained that the Village has no choice and must upgrade the emergency personnel's communication equipment due to a federal mandate.

After ample opportunity was given, no interested parties commented on the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyd moved the hearing be closed. So ordered.

Commissioner Boyd moved the ordinance be adopted on second reading and final passage, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Poli and adopted upon a call of the roll.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Anlian, seconded by Commissioner Poli the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/ Deborah L. Fehre
Interim Village Clerk
Approved on April 10, 2012

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor